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SUBJECT: DELEGATION REPORT, FIRST SESSION OF AD HOC  
COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICIES OF  
FAO, ROME - JAN. 5-6, 1975

/SUMMARY/ - TWO-DAY SESSION ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES AND  
OBSERVERS, 27 COUNTRIES AND 3 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PRESENTATION TO FAO COUNCIL  
AND SUPPORTED SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR NUTRITION PLANNING  
SCHEME, STRESSING HIGH PRIORITY IN 1976-77 PROGRAM AND BUDGET.  
U.S. OFFER OF FOOD COMPOSITION DATA ACCEPTED. /END SUMMARY/

1. FIRST SESSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION  
POLICIES MET JUNE 5-6 WITH REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS FROM  
27 COUNTRIES AND 3 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SESSION  
OPENED BY OJALA; UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED FORMAN (U.S.) AS CHAIRMAN,  
R. K. SHASTRI (INDIA) VICE-CHAIRMAN, APPOINTED T. A. BRUN  
(FRANCE) RAPPORTEUR. W. B. EIDE, (NORWAY) AND MAGRABI  
(U.S.) VOLUNTEERED AS FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR.

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2. COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO REVIEW AND ENDORSE PROPOSED NUTRITION PLANNING SCHEME (ESN:ENP/75/5), DEVELOPED BY FAO TO IMPLEMENT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION V, ITEMS 1 AND 2. PROPOSAL IS STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER U.S. INTERAGENCY CONSULTATIONS, NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED TO SHOW WAYS WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, WFP, UNDP, AND WORLD BANK WOULD PARTICIPATE. NONE OF THESE AGENCIES HAS YET ENDORSED PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS FORMULATED BY GOVERNMENTS WITH ASSISTANCE OF NPS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON SUPPORT OF ABOVE AGENCIES. COMMITTEE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR FAO TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY WITH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NPS WITH COOPERATION FROM ABOVE AGENCIES AND PAG, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUGGESTIONS OF COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE STRESSED THAT 1976-77 PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET SHOULD REFLECT HIGH PRIORITY IN FOOD AND NUTRITION PLANNING.

3. DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FULL SUPPORT OF OTHER DONOR AGENCIES WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF NPS AND MADE MANY SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF NPS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR FAO TO CARRY ON ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT WFC RESOLUTION IN 1976-77, PROVISION MUST BE MADE IN FAO PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY FAO CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.

4. OJALA INDICATED FAO AGREEMENT WITH SUGGESTIONS AND SECRETARIAT'S INTENTION TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT, PROMISED TO ISSUE A SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE TO PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET REPORTING PROGRESS ON CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

5. COMMITTEE WELCOMED AN OFFER BY U.S. TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO FAO DATA ON NUTRIENT COMPOSITION OF FOODS AND CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE FOR FAO TO CONVENE A PANEL OF EXPERTS TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION THESE DATA TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS BY FAO. SECRETARIAT ACCEPTED OFFER, INDICATED INTENTION TO CONVENE EXPERTS. WRITTEN STATEMENT BY U.S. MAKING THIS OFFER (INCLUDED AS SUPPLEMENT TO POSITION PAPER) WAS DELIVERED TO SECRETARIAT.

6. OTHER DOCUMENTS BEFORE COMMITTEE WERE ACCEPTED WITH SUGGESTIONS MOSTLY FOR FUTURE REPORTS.

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7. REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE ADOPTED FOR PRESENTATION TO FAO COUNCIL. DELEGATES PROPOSED NEXT MEETING IN ROME, SPRING 196.

8. A DRAFT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS BEING AIR-POUCHED TO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.VOLPE

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